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Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Kenneth Conerly and Mario Anderson

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

My name is Kenneth Conerly, and I am the co-owner of Khan's Codes and Standards. I am writing this letter to serve as a formal request for an advisory opinion as it relates to possible ethical issues regarding myself, Mario Anderson, and our developing third-party inspection company. Mr. Anderson and I have previously been employed by the City of New Orleans' Safety and Permits Division as Mechanical Inspectors. During our employment with the safety and permits division, we were tasked with conducting mechanical and gas inspections throughout the City of New Orleans. On September 11, 2020, I resigned from my Mechanical Inspector position. Mr. Anderson was transferred to the Property Management Department, and his last day as a Mechanical Inspector was November 29, 2019. Shortly after my resignation, Mr. Anderson and I established Khan's Codes and Standards, a third-party inspection company. In our roles with our company, we will conduct mechanical, gas, building, and electrical inspections throughout the City of New Orleans. The inspections we conduct will then be submitted to the City of New Orleans' Safety and Permits Division for processing.

It has recently come to our attention that there may be an ethical issue that requires us to undergo a waiting period of two (2) years prior to conducting any inspections in the City of New Orleans. Upon review of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics, we noticed that the requirement for a two-year waiting period only applies to individuals who have been terminated. Consequently, the prohibition located on page seven (7), section K(3), of the Summary of the Ethics Code should not apply to neither myself nor Mr. Anderson. Furthermore, our job task with the City of New Orleans included merely mechanical and gas inspections. Our job task with our third-party company will extend to not only mechanical and gas inspections, but also building and electrical inspections.

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We would like the Louisiana Board of Ethics to determine if in deed there is a conflict of interest as it relates to myself and Mr. Anderson conducting inspections in the City of New Orleans. Also, being that our job duties with the City of New Orleans only included mechanical and gas inspections, if a conflict of interest is an issue, we would like clarification as to if that conflict of interest only applies to mechanical and gas inspections. Consequently, if there is not a conflict of interest, we request that we be given clearance, in writing, to perform inspections in the City of New Orleans. Lastly, if the conflict of interest only applies to mechanical and gas inspections, we request that we be given clearance, in writing, to perform building and electrical inspections in the City of New Orleans. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Respectfully,



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